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NOTICE OF DECISION

Water Pollution Control Permit Number Nev2005106 (New)

Homestake Mining Company Ruby Hill Mine Infiltration Project

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection has decided to issue Water Pollution Control Permit NEV2005106 to Homestake Mining Company. This permit authorizes the construction, operation, and closure of approved water management facilities in Eureka County. The Division has been provided with sufficient information, in accordance with Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.350 through NAC 445A.447, to assure the Division that the groundwater quality will not be degraded by this operation, and that public safety and health will be protected.

The permit will become effective 03 November 2005. The final determination of the Administrator may be appealed to the State Environmental Commission pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 445A.605 and NAC 445A.407. All requests for appeals must be filed by 5:00 PM, 31 October 2005, on Form 3, with the State Environmental Commission, 333 West Nye Lane, Capitol Complex, Carson City, Nevada 89706-0851. For more information, contact Miles Shaw at (775) 687-9409, toll free in Nevada at (800) 992-0900, extension 4670, or visit the Division website at www.ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm.

No comments requiring a response were received during the public comment period.